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THE Y. M C. A. CAMPAIGN

Washington business men have finest in this country.

men are going to join with the as- on harnessing some of the great sociation staff in an effort to make falls and, turning their power into that investment pay bigger divi- electricity, and going in for some dends, by conducting a whirlwind manufacturing enterprises for which campaign for 1,000 new members.

This campaign is to last only six 100 per cent efficient.

The business and professional men who will conduct the campaign deserve the hearty support of all persons interested in Washington's leaders recognize the cash value of Senate committee's revision of the sure they couldn't be better. training the association affords.

tion project, it is a conservation enterprise, and in a day when much approval of the country. money is being contributed toward the former end, that community is onstrates that despite the hamwise which expends enough to avert stringing methods attempted by a the need of such expenditure.

The association is doing construcservice in its home environment, its social features, its physical train-

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Iceland touches the Arctic circle and is about the area of Ohio. It has about 100,000 people, and is a long way from main-traveled roads. But it is up-to-date enough to have a political crisis on its hands that is highly interesting. The people want a modernized constitution; but the King of Denmark has vetoed the one they put up to him. Likewise one they put up to him. Likewise cloth. It's a dangerous way. The they want an Iceland flag, and he screwing of taxes out of subject has refused it. So they are in a provinces by the processular agents. that was going to make Ireland fight England, until the Irish suddenly decided that they would rather fight Germany.

The authorities say that Iceland could easily support seven or eight will continue. times as many people as it has now. And Alaska is one of the world's well over a million.

the most accurate preservation of measure. Before medieval England, France, or provision. Germany had begun to write or to The municipal authorities had think, this strange little community planned a great model penal reof the polar north had turned out a formatory for District criminals, literature from whose mines the with the purpose of reclaiming in-

like Shetland ponies, and exports a vengeance of society upon them. good many; likewise toy cows like That provision likewise was con-Alderneys; has great sheep herds, temptuously thrown out by the and from their wool spins and House committee. It is restored by success. Anyhow, they rather over-

live. Almost all of them live on lit-tle farms; in summer they can play baseball at midnight, and in winter The House measure had the look of they have a little spell of pretty a particularly sordid effort of pro- of money to gravitate all the stars satisfactory twilight in the middle of consular authority to increase tax- into a few constellations has broken the day. They are the world's most ation and give as little as possible up the balance. It is going to reeminent grocery-store conversation- in return for it.

American "fresh water" college. This month Washington business rivers, and lately has been figuring complishment. materials can be had.

Thus we see that Iceland has got the "greatest country on earth."

THE SENATE'S BILL

It is unnecessary to quarrel with young men. The association makes the friends and the men who it is clean living, of development, of District of Columbia appropriation physical soundness, of the mental bill is a matter of great satisfaction to all the people of the Capital. The Y. M. C. A. is not a reclama- What is more important in some ways, it will not fail to receive the

The Senate committee's bill demfew men who are doubtless as sincere as they are mistaken in their tive work, not rescue work. It deals efforts to be the real friends of this with present and prospective man- town, there will be no program of hood, not with human derelicts. And hara-kiri. Washington is not to it is doing a distinct community have its hands tied and its eyes blindfolded by the Federal Government and then be tossed overboard ing, its employment bureau, its re- without a chance to swim for its ligious effort, and its educational life. That is just what would have happened if the House rider, abol- the Federal League to enjoin and ishing the half-and-half arrange- disintegrate, as a trust, the whole ment, had become law. The town would have been left with all the is a grave threat against the national extraordinary expenses incident to game. its status as National Capital, with no chance to readjust its administration to its fiscal abilities, with no

> been paralleled right here. The Senate committee has stricken out the provision that would have brought about such a condition. The

> of an imperial Rome would have

More than this, the Senate bill of a million. Iceland is chiefly an of a million. Iceland is chiefly an not lost vision of the bigness and agricultural country, but not so good insistence of Washington's munician one as Alaska, and a fishing com-munity, without such rich fisheries as ing thing to see such measures as those of Alaska. It lies farther north that providing for a great new than most of the territory of Alaska. wholesale market plant ruthlessly The parts of Alaska that are as and contemptuously carved out of good or better than Iceland for ag- the city's budget when it was perriculture, could be carved up into at feetly plain that its retention least ten Relands, probably fifteen. would have been in line with intelligent, present-day policy of cities. treasurehouses of gold, coal, copper, It was disheartening to feel that tin; and other mineral wealth, which while New York, Chicago, Cleve-Iceland does not possess or at least land, Detroit, Des Moines, and many has not developed. Alaska, then, if other progressive cities are vieing populated as Iceland is declared with each other in providing these capable of maintaining population, facilities for moderating the costs should have easily ten millions of and the wastes of living, Washingpeople; if populated even as densely ton was to be denied the privilege as Iceland is now, it should have even of making a beginning in the right direction. That was the ver-Iceland deserves to be better dict of the House bill; and the verknown to the world. Its language is dict is reversed by the Senate

any Teutonic tongue of ancient For years the pressing need of a times. And scholars have found new municipal hospital has been that in its golden age of intellectual well recognized in and out of Conactivity, Iceland actually produced a gress. Yet the House bill cut out literature, in history, poetry, mythol- the provision of money for this ogy, and other forms, that is rated project, with no apparent reason the finest that any northern land save a desire to shut eyes to the produced between the fall of Rome necessities of an expanding city and the renaissance in Europe. That trying to get into step with modern observation is worth thinking about. practice. The Senate restores this

scholars are still busy digging gems. stead of punishing men; of reform-Iceland raises little horses, much ing them, rather than wreaking the

ly things that don't do them any between Senate and House; March 4 find it a conspiracy. particular good; like most isolated may find the new appropriation people, they have tended toward ab- measure unpassed. Without doubt straction and philosophization. They a little group of extreme antagonhave very general education, and at ists of these measures, in the House. Reykjavik are two good institutions will try to tie up the legislation of about the rank of the average and compel the Senate to recede. In that event, if the course of affairs Iceland knows more about Thomas may be judged by experience of the Jefferson, Robert Emmet, Genghis past, the old appropriations will be Khan, Hamlet, Charlemagne, George continued by resolution until such Will invested \$500,000 for the com- Washington, and Shakespeare than time as the new Congress can get a munity's young men. This invest- most other communities of its num- chance to pass on the measure. In ment is represented in the plant of bers; and it knows less about caba- any event the most dangerous attack the Washington Y. M. C. A., in rets, cocktails, musical comedy, and on the material interests of the beauty and equipment one of the militarism. The country is full of District, that has yet been attemptmountains and hot springs, and ed, is certain to fail of positive ac-

IF SUNDAY COMES

If the Rev. Billy Sunday decides to come to Washington for a big February 2. meeting as a sort of aside to his days, and is to be organized along about as far, hydro-electrically Philadelphia campaign, he may be lines that will make it pretty nearly speaking, as the "model Capital" of assured of a royal welcome. This a few days assistant chairmen and town is interested in the work he is team captains will be announced. doing and in the results he has accomplished. No difference whether his methods are as genteel as some folks might wish; he "gets 'em," and a good many of 'em "stick." Not many people or many towns are so to the membership. a direct business appeal to business hoped may become the friends of many people or many towns are so men. Bankers, merchants, industrial the District, in saying that the good that they can afford to feel

Sunday is going to spend nine weeks uplifting Philadelphia. A year from now he will put in several weeks trying to do as much for Baltimore. Perhaps a big Sabbathday mass meeting in Washington will serve to give a proportional upward curve to the moral movement in the Capital; but it would be Pharisaical to suggest such a thing, and therefore unrepresentative of the real sentiments of a community that knows it can afford to be modest about its endowment of the moral

A MENACE TO THE GAME

It may as well be set down without qualification, that the suit of machinery of "organized baseball."

Organized baseball is the cities' mode of athletic sport. Country a contract for the construction of a towns and the rural regions will convoice in its government; only with tinue playing and watching and enthe poor privilege of paying bills in- joying pasture-lot ball; but the cities cloth. It's a dangerous way. The between the "fats and the leans," tween the city and the county officials, after the fashion of the small town, the game would do more real pleted, and at the time of final paygood for the city fans; but it's useless to discuss that. The city can turn out 10,000 or 20,000 people to see a ball game; it couldn't possibly find room to stage a dozen amateur games with nine men on a side, even if it could find the amateurs willing to play at playing them.

So there must be, for the cities, organized, and highly organized, baseball, or none.

The Federal League authorities attack the national commission and the national agreement; the execu-

tract. The athletes became comparatively free. Salaries jumped as soon as competition for stars was possible. The expenses of the game increased; its risks multiplied. The public got a good look at the seamy side, the commercial side, the selfish side. Teams that had always earned profits turned up at the end of ed profits turned up at the end of edge.

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*Columbia—"The Girl of Girls," \$:15 p. m. Belasco—Dark.

*Poll's—"The Passers-by," 2:15 and \$:15 p. m.

*Cosmos—Vaudeville, continuous.

*Casino—Vaudeville, continuous.

*Casino—Vaudeville,

the season with footings in red. The leaders of organized baseball gave the country something it wanted. They suppressed rowdyism, kept everybody convinced that the game was square, paid good wages, built with the sense of their power and

quire to be reorganized; and that, alists, and read interminably, most- There may be another deadlock whether or not the Federal courts

TO GAIN MEMBERS

Start Six-Day Whirlwind Campaign With Banquet on January 26.

The Y. M. C. A. six-day whirlwind campaign for 1,000 new members, i a banquet on the evening of January will start the next morning, and the 'wind-up' will be on the evening of

Walter W. Warwick, assistant Comp roller of the Treasury, is general chairman of the committee, and within

only 13,000 inhabitants, 1,575 were added to the membership.

Among those who were guests at a luncheon at the University Club to meet Mr. Hockenbury, and discuss plans for the campaign, were Judge Warwick, J. B. Reeside, William A. Rawlings, W. L. Clark, E. C. Sommins, J. D. Van Scoten, interstate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., William Knowles Cooper, general secretary of the Washington Y. M. C. A., and other members of the association staff.

Nightly during the campaign din-Nightly during the campaign din-ners will be held at which teams wil

EDERAL SUIT WON BY MARYLAND FIRM

Supreme Court Awards Verdict for Part of Price of Shipbuilding Contract.

The Maryland Steel Company won a complete victory in the Supreme Court resterday in its case against the Govern ment to recover a part of the price of single screw steamer by the company for the Government at a cost of \$88,000. The steamer was to be completed on a tract with the same company to con-

What's on the Program in Washington

Masonic-Washington Centennial, No. 14 Osiris, No. 28; King Solomon, No. 31; Eas Gate, No. 24; Celumbia, No. 1, and Bright Wood, No. 9, Royal Arch Massens; Potomac No. 3, Knights Templar; Arems, No. 16 Eastern Star. No. 9, 40intly; Friendship, No. 12; Moun Nebo, No. 6, Encampment. Knights of Pythias Mount Vernos. No. Union, No. 32: Friendship Temple, No. Pythian Sisters. the national agreement; the executive authority and the compact which sets up that authority. It is charged that the complete domination of the business, the assignment of territory, the contracts with players, the holding of minor leagues in their relationship of satellites to the two big ones—that all these things constitute a conspiracy under the Sherman act.

Under the old form of contract, the player became the property of his club, to be bartered, sold, traded leased, or loaned, shifted about the rest of his career. The attack of the Federals compelled early withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. As a street of this white-slavery form of consultation. As a street without of the player became compelled early withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. As a street without of the compelled early withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. As a street with the player became compelled early withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. The street withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. As the unitation of the executive will and the surplement of the player became compelled early withdrawal of this white-slavery form of consultation. The street will be a street of this white-slavery form of consultation. The street will be a street with the street will be a street will be a street with the street will be a street wil National Union-Central Deputies' Associa

Amusements. "The Prodigal Husband," 1:15 an ations; "The Free Strip," 8:15 p. m.

Tomorrow.

Masonic-Navai, No. 4; Hiram, No. 10; La. Fayette, No. 19; William R. Singleton, No. 38; Masonic Board of Relief; Esther, No. 5, Eastern Star. Odd Fellows-Columbia, No. 16, Excelsion No. 17; Salem, No. 22. splendid colosseums in which to stage their gladiatorial pageants.

Perhaps they became intovicated Tent, No. 2.

Kulghts of Pythias-Franklin, No. 2. J. T. Coldwell Company, No. 7. Uniform Rani.

Maccabees—Georgetown Tent, No. 6. District Perhaps they became intoxicated National Union-William H. Collins Council No. 1630. Socialist Party-German Branch and Sunda; School Conference, 811 E street northwest and from their wool spins and weaves the articles that constitute the chief industrial products. It has wonderful scenery that nobody goes to see, some splendid harbors that few ships enter. It must buy almost everything it uses, for no cereals are raised. Potatoes, turnips, carrots, and a great growth of grass are the chief agricultural resources; on these, the fisheries, and the livestock, which is so hardy that cows, publies, and sheep all run out of made for the better in the legislamed most of the winter, the people it in. The Senate committee's meas
temptuously thrown out by the temptuously thrown out by the success. Anyhow, they rather oversighed with senter of the sente of their power and success. Anyhow, they rather oversigh to various directions; they ribbed it so tight, in order to keep provision for the equipment of the Western High School, when restored after the fire a few months ago. The oversight was difficult of explana faces a great crisis.

There must be high and efficient organization in baseball. But there are provides for this.

These are a few of the changes that the Senate committee has the Senate committee. It is restored by the Senate committee. The House committee. It is restored by the Senate committee. Anyhow, they rather overside it in various directions; they ribbed it so tight, in order to keep ribbed it so tight, in order t

Boston Symphony Concert Is Productive of Unusual Tribute to Violinist.

Fritz Kreisler, soloist at yesterday's Boston Symphony concert, although he may not know it, received a higher compliment yesterday afternoon at the National Theater than is often accorded by Washington music lovers. To understand the compliment one

must know that the Boston Symphony by the European." never allows encores. Therefore, the house could hope to attain nothing in the way of music by a continued applause. Also, let it be understood, that Washington people, although firm up- is without its opera." holders of the Boston Symphony, so much so that the concerts have become red-letter days in the social and musical calendar, are not so esthetic, but what they want their dinners when o'clock comes.

As the hour hand creeps toward six a curious restlessness seizes the audience, and all over the theater hungry o'clock is a call to duty, rise from their seats and make their way out with backward looks of regret. The restlessness begins at 5:45, and continuous until 6. But yeserday al of the dinner engagements in the world and the thought of hungry children at

home could not have called that audience away. ence away.

As a matter of fact, they calmly remained in the theater and applauded long after 6 o'clock! For at the fateful moment, 5:45, Fritz Kreisler was on the stage, and playing with even more beauty of tone and poise than ever be-

fore.

That he was glad to be in America, glad to have his violin under his chin, and to feel the unseen bond between himself and an audience eager for the control of the every note, was shown in every move.
The audience did not applaud so vociferously, they did not "make the
house ring." but they gave a wonderfully impressive tribute, standing in their places, and applauding gently in a vain effort to show their appreciation of this return. All of this after 6

symphony was Beethoven's followed by the overture to "Genoveva," Schumann, opus 81. numbers played by Kreisler were in material for the exploitation of tone and technique, Brahm's variations of a theme of Josef Hayln, opus 56a, and the Fantasia of Scottish Airs, for violin and orchestra, by Burch. The fourth concert of the Boston

Symphony will be given on the after-noon of Tuesday, February 16. Kreis-ler will be heard in concert at the same theater on the afternoon of January 26. F. Y.

The Silver Lining

Edited by ARTHUR BAER. Anxiously awaiting note from Mephistopheles acknowledging receipt of new

paving material. Now that Ville has issued his Green Book, it's up to Carransa to publish his Black and Blue volume.

War is curtailing all our important industries. Manhattan chauffeurs enly pedestrians in 1914.

Best proof of Harry Thaw's sanity is his aversion to returning to Broadway. Ride on the water wagon wouldn't be so bad if you had somebody to three talk to.

THE OLDEST INHAB SEZ

"Them charity dances is a fine idea. I see lots o' them dances what needs it."



Think the United States shouldn't go lion stockholders, the American citi-to war until Luther Burbank has an zens. More than ten thousand resi-opportunity to perfect a crop that won't dents of Washington are characters in mind a regiment of cavalry galloping over it.

Our idea of an anachronism is a health resort in Europe. Czar will give \$50,000 for the discovery of a new way to utilize alcohol, which is just a good excuse as any for toppling off the wagon.

You know. In the cause of science, no sacrifice is too great.

Concert Today By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band

Orchestra, Stanley Hall. 7:30 p. m.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN. Director. March. Pere de Victoire".....Ganne

Overture. "Czar and Zimmermann" Lortzing Song for Baritone. "I Hear You Calling Me" Marshall Musician Giove Selection. "The Girl From Utah"

Rubens Tango Argentine, 'Dark Eyes" Waltz Suite, "Dreams of Child-

Waldtenfel Finale, "Hoch Habsburg".
"The Star-Spangled Banner"

U. S. Lacks Opportunity In ASKS LAWS OR VOTE FORGETS ITS DINNER Music, Says Former Star At Royal Opera in Berlin

American Girl, Ambitious for Fame at Home, Finds Her Countrymen Patronize Only Gauze and Tinsel Shows.

"America is without musical opportunity."

"Americans patronize vaudeville, gauze and tinsel shows, but they know nothing of the insatiable taste for good music possessed

'While every small city in Germany and Austria has its opera house with paid singers. Washington, the Capital of a great nation,

These are some of the statements made by a member of the Royal Opera of Berlin who is in America until the cessation of the war permits the reopening of the Royal Opera House.

DREAMS OF FAME IN AMERICA.

Miss Jeanette Hughman, who is now Starting her career at Frankfort-onin this city, was born in the United the-Main, she proceeded in trimphal folk, or perhaps those to whom 6 States, but the gift of a voice impelled progress from one town to another, unher parents to send her for a musical til selected by Drusser, the manager education to Germany. Finding that of the Kaiser's opera, for the part of the field was good there for work in her profession, she stayed abroad at the conclusion of her training. The dream of her life, however, has

been to return some day to the land of her birth to pursue her vocation of singer. When the war broke out she had no heart in singing or in diverting the nation, Miss Hughman declares that Germany is not neglecting its curing a booking on the steamer St. Paul, reached New York early in Octo-ier. After a stay of three months, the prospect which stretches out before her. to her thinking, is bitterly disappoint

Sees No Chance In Music. "My hopes of pursuing my profession in my own country I fear must be given up. The only chance I see present of earning a livelihood is to become a clerk or a stenographer. This will be much more tragic than it sounds for I love music, and my life is very much enmeshed in the operas which I have studied and surg for the past decade. After living such roles as Carmen, Delilah, Eglantis, for seven days in the week, it will be woe-fully difficult for me to take up the routine of a business office or to do

natured fun before Manager A. H.

Woods decided that the rest of the

"Potash and Perimutter" is a dramati-zation of the characters and incl-

in New York and played to crowded

in New York and played to crowded houses up to the very end of the notable run. There is plenty of romance as well as fun in this comedy, and Cupid is kept busy throughout the three acts. There are touches of pathos, too, but if the eyes grow dim it is from tears of laughter. The engage-

ment here is necessarily limited to ght performances. Seats for the en-ire engagement will be placed on sale

When "Today," George Broadhurst's

and Abraham Schomer's drama of New

York, comes to the Belasco next week,

the public of this city will have the

opportunity of seeing one of the most

discussed dramas of the contemporary

stage. Taking as their theme the femi-

nine love for finery, the authors have

evolved a play of intense cumulative

interest and sensational climaxes. "To-day" played for one solid year at the For-ty-eighth Street Theater, New York. Har-

ty-eighth Street Theater, New York, Har-ry von Tilzer, who is standing sponsor for "Today," is sending here a cast headed by Edmund Breese, who appeared during the long runs in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, and including Ethel Val-entine. Margaret Robinson, Louise Sydmeth, Grace Thorne Coulter, and Bernard A. Reinold.

Henry W. Savage will present "Uncle

this unique motion picture drama for thousands of feet of the film were made in Washington. But Washington was

not the only scene. In every section of the world the United States is repre-sented portions of the film were made. The pictures give an entirely new idea

what the Government is and what

It has been said there are more

thrills to be had from one performance

of "The Argyle Case," which the Pol

Players present next week than at a dozen performances of any other detective drama that has been presented in America for years. The play is an exposition of the most modern detec-

ive methods woven into a drama of ntense human interest as well. Harvey

O'Higgins and Harriet Food, the authors, had the advantage of the expert advice of Detective William J. Burns in the writing of the play. The story tells of Asche Kayton, a scientific description of the play of

tective, who is called upon to unravel the mystery attending the murder of wealthy Mr. Argyle. Robert Hilliard played this part in the original pro-duction which toured the country suc-

by Mabel Russell, and will be seen in his latest song and step hit. La Milo, heralded as "The Breathing Marble,"

at the box office in the morning.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Deliah, she was given her first con-tract with the Royal Opera in Berlin. Everywhere she found the audiences devoted to music, honoring and feting her as its exponent. Everywhere she

had no heart in singing or in diverting money for her services from the necessities of the men at the front and the women who were left behind, and she determined to try out the musical opportunities in her own country. She sailed from Rotterdam on the first of September, landed in Folkstone, remained in Lendon two weeks, then, securing a booking on the steamer St. the smaller towns, the opera is open three nights a week instead of seven. The artists, nevertheless, are given sufficient salaries to meet their needs.

Singers Flock to Berlin. In spite of this commendable effort on the part of the public in Germany to care for its artists, thousands of them have been forced to go into Ber lin, where the chances are greater than out in the frontier towns. Many of these singers are Americans, who, like Miss Hughman, found Germany a more lucrative field for their work

An attraction which never fails to at-

burlettas, "Krausmeyer in Japan" and

any other well-known artists. Men-

must also be made of the

MAIL BAG

(From The Times Readers.)

Watson has gathered to

the elaborate wardrobe which has been provided for them.

Gov. Yager Declares Congress Should Legislate or Give Colony Its Freedom.

If Congress can't spare the time to egislate for Porto Rico then it ought give it back to the original owners. This is the view of Gov. Arthur Yager who has left Washington after putting up the annual fight on behalf of citizen hip for the natives

Governor Yager says the United States took Spanish citisenship away from the Porto Ricans when the Island was occupled fifteen years ago, and since then they have been national orphans. They support their own government, without coating the United States a penny. But they want citisenship; they want a larger voice in their own government. and Governor Yager says they are entitled to it.

Porto Rico has adopted American customs, its citizens wear American clothes; their children are being taught the English language in American schools; they are paying taxes on an American scale, and they want to be-American scale, and they want to become known as genuine Americans.

"The new organic act," Governor
Yager said, "undertakes a new constitution for Porto Rico, and the chief
changes from the present Foraker act
may be summed up under three heads:

"First, and most important, is the
granting of American citizenship to the
Porto Ricans.

Porto Ricans.
"Second, the new organic act gives the Porto Rican people larger participa-

tion in their own government.
"Third, it provises for the appointment of the majority of the executive council by the Porto Rican governor, instead of by the President.

· Arouses Feeling.

"Most important of these is the granting of American citizenship. This should have been done at the time of acquisition of the islands by the United States. It has been discussed and argued so much in both countries that it has become a point of soreness all around.

settle it, and that is to give the people of Porto Rico collectively the right to be regarded as American citizens." To give the people of Porto Rico al most complete self-government, the America.

The Germans have a deep sense or ate shall be elective, as is the lower or the past decade. After living such coles as Carmen, Delijah, Eglantis, for ineven days in the week, it will be weeffully difficult for me to take up the countre of a business office or to do anything else but the only thing which I desire to do."

Miss Hughman spoke enthusiastically of her life as a singer in Germany.

Governor's Appointees.

the National Theater next Monday direct from its second year at the Cohan Theater, New York city, where it is said to have played to nearly a million lovers of clean, bright, good-Porto Rican senate, the governor re-

Woods decided that the rest of the tract capacity audiences in this city is the bill will pass the House after the "Billy Watson's Big Show," which holidays, and the Senate committee has dents made famous through the Satur-day Evening Post stories by Montague week. Billy Watson promises to be afterward and report it. The bill will be not a season then go on the Senate calendar.

than ever. By special request he has been induced to present his two famous that Congress should either give great-"Krausmeyer's Christening." Besides watson the cast includes Johnny Jess. William J. Bowers. John West. Ed Laler, Lillian Franklin, Ida Walling, Ruby Marion. Marguret Newell, and than other well-known artists. Menvars.

mous importance to the United States, the governor explained. The total for-eign trade is about \$99,000,000, divided equally between imports and exports. Almost 85 per cent of the export business is with the United States. Practically everything the island radies; its sold in the United States, except coffee, its total output of which, \$8,000,000 worth, goes to Europe.

Would Start Coffee Here.

Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length and must be signed with name and address of the sender. The publication of letters in The Times Mail Bag does not mean the endorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum where the citizens of Washington can argue moot questions. ought to be sold." Porto Rico has made great strides in

To the Editor of the Mail Bag: There appeared in The Times of Sun day, January 3, an article in which Sam at Work" at the Columbia The- Deputy Automobile Commissioner Coale ater next week in a series of pictures was quoted as asserting that certain illustrating the most complicated, and Maryland authorities had exceeded their at the same time the most imposing of authority in granting grace to owners human a organizations—the American of automobiles, so far as obtaining

feel that it is only fair that a reasonable time be given in which to obtain licenses, and I do not consider that national debt of only \$8,000,000, and the two weeks is too much grace. My instructions will be obeyed, and det; any other officer or officers of the county or State to attempt to en force the law prior to the expiration

of the period I have specified. I think I thoroughly understand Mr. Coale's reasons for making the statethink of him for thus expressing himself would not look well in print. That the courts of the county would uphold me in the course I have adopted I have not the slightest doub

B. PEYTON WHALEN,
Sheriff of Montgomery County, Md.

Young Women's Hebrew Home to Open Sunday

The formal opening of the Young duction which toured the country successfully several seasons. Charles Mackay will have the part in next week's production.

Three stars will head the ten-feature bill at the B. F. Keith Theater next week, Minnie Dupree and company, Eddie Leonard and La Milo. Miss Pupree will present "Bread Upon the Waters." Eddie Leonard will be assisted by Mabel Russell, and will be seen in his latest song and step hit. La Milo. herelded as "The Errathing Merkle" is operations. Classes are to be or-Women's Hebrew Association Home, 1330

at its operations. Classes are to be organized in several lines of educational work, including English, German, dowith be introduced in her poses reproducing Venus, Diana, Phyrnne. Monna, Vanua, Lady Godiva, and others. Supplementary attractions will be May Irwin's sister. Flo Irwin, and company in "The Lady of the Press." Prof. Ots mestic science, dressmaking, social en-deavor, elecution, and dancing. The as-sociation also plans to provide a gym-

fore it has been alien to the country because the majority of its members have been Americans. This feature has been changed by President Wilson by reconstituting the executive council so that seven are Porto Ricans and four Americans.

"The trade of the islands is of ener

"This year the European war has denoralized the foreign markets for Porto Rican coffee, and the islanders are making great efforts to introduce this coffee into the United States, where it really

education since American occupation

When the United States acquired control fifteen years ago, there were 20.000 in the schools. Today there are 200,000 Both English and Spanish are taught but emphasis is placed on English.
Decided progress is reported in engi neering work during the period American government. Fifteen year ago, when the Americans went in, the at the same time the most imposing of automobiles, so far as obtaining were no sewers, no waterworms, human organizations—the American of automobiles, so far as obtaining were no sewers, no waterworms, for the permanent. "Uncle Sam" is the pet Maryland licenses for the year 1915 is paving, and no sidewalks. The people maked in the middle of the street, dred thousand people in the transaction concerned.

The people walked in the middle of the street, through which the sewage ran.

Governor Yager contrasted the conditions of the people walked in the middle of the street, through which the sewage ran. I have instructed my deputies to re-frain from enforcing the automobile license law until after January 15. 1 Governor tager contrasted the second Santo Domingo, which is only seventy miles across the Mona Passage. Santo Domingo has a debt of about \$25,009.00 people have a \$5,000,000 irrigation sys tem, waterworks, paved streets

sidewalks and good government to show for their money, the governor added No Cost to U. S. "Porto Rico does not cost the United

States a penny," Governor Yager said "The customs receipts and internal ments attributed to him, and what I revenue receipts pay government expenses. There has been an effort mag-to make it appear that this Govern-ment is contributing because a regment of soliders is kept there, and cause there are lighthouses for the maintenance of which the Government makes appropriation. There are soldiers in the Philippines and all other American the Philippines and American the Philippine in the Philippines and all other Shier to can possessions. It is hardly fair to make it appear that Porto Rico is being given governmental aid by their presence. They have never been needed. The lighthouses are needed as also to

American shipping."

Frobably the most marked change in Porto Ricans since American occupation.

no walks bare feet were the general tiding. And the natives have been taught that wearing shoes is one way of preventing hookworm infection, the